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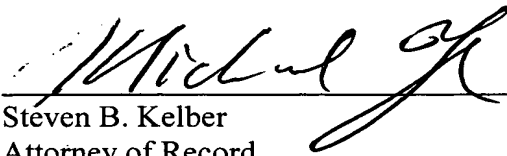
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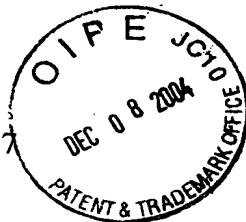
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Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated September 29, 2004, entry of the
following amendments is respectfully requested.